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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON ME: SCALI MEETING WITH SYG

1. UPCOMING ME DEBATE RAISED DURING MEETING OF SYG AND AMB SCALI MAY 17. SYG STATED AT OUTSET HE COULD PERCEIVE NO BASIC CHANGES IN POLICIES BY THE PARTIES. HE GAVE BRIEF REVIEW OF HIS RECENT SESSION WITH FONMIN EBAN AND STRESSED THAT EBAN HAD BEEN TOTALLY NEGATIVE ON ANY NEW MECHANISM OR UN ACTION. (HIS REVIEW WAS CONSISTENT WITH USUN 1855.)

2. ON BASIS OF HIS TALK EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH PERMREP MEGUID, SYG BELIEVED EGYPT AT PRESENT INTENDED APPROACH UPCOMING DEBATE IN POSITIVE WAY. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR, HE SAID, THAT GOE HAS NOT DETERMINED ITS FINAL POSITION. MEGUID PERSONALLY APPEARED INTERESTED IN COMITE IDEA, PARTICULARLY SMALL COMITE. SYG HAD STRESSED TO MEGUID THAT COMITE OF WHOLE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPRACTICAL AND UNREALISTIC. MAIN POINT MEGUID WISHED TO MAKE WAS THAT DEBATE SHOULD NOT END UP WITH NO RESULTS; " SOMETHING NEW " SHOULD BE PRODUCED SINCE PUBLIC SHOULD SEE THAT UN IS MAKING ANOTHER TRY AT FINDING ME SOLUTION.

3. TURNING TO HIS REPORT, SYG SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ISSUED THIS WEEKEND FOR DISTRIBUTION MAY 21. EGYPT HAD BEEN PUSHING HIM HARD FOR FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WHEREAS ISRAELIS, OF COURSE, WANTED REPORT LIMITED. HOWEVER, SINCE SYG HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY SC TO GIVE "COMPREHENSIVE" REPORT, HE COULD NOT AVOID SOME NEW MATERIAL COVERING 1972 EFFORTS BY JARRING. SYG SAID HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO FORMULATE THIS SECTION IN A VERY CAREFUL MANNER SINCE HE REALIZED THAT IT WAS VERY DELICATE. HE IN NO WAY WISHED TO CONTRIBUTE TO TENSIONS BY HIS REPORT.

4. AMB. SCALI COMMENTED THAT ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE WOULD SET BACK OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SYG SHOULD KNOW, SCALI SAID, THAT US WILL NOT PERMIT ANY TAMPERING WITH RES 242. ANY CHANGES WOULD CREATE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS FOR US. HE ALSO HAD TO TELL SYG US WAS OPPOSED TO NEW MECHANISMS; US COULD NOT SEE POSSIBILITY OF NEW MECHANISM BEING HELPFUL. AT SAME TIME WE WOULD APPROACH DEBATE IN POSITIVE SPIRIT, WILL LISTEN CAREFULLY TO IDEAS OTHERS MAY HAVE, AND WOULD HOPE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM. SCALI ADDED WE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT ISRAELI ATTITUDE IS VERY IMPORTANT SINCE IT IS PARTY TO DISPUTE; ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH ANY NEW MECHANISM WOULD BE KEY POINT.

5. SYG SAID HE HAD MENTIONED TO EBAN POSSIBILITY OF NAMIBIA- LIKE GROUP WHICH HAD PROVED USEFUL AND ASKED FOR EBAN' S REACTION. EBAN HAD REPLIED THAT SUCH GROUP WOULD IN FACT HAMPER SYG AND JARRING AND INCREASE BURDEN OF THEIR ROLE. SYG COMMENTED TO US THAT IN FACT HE HAD NOT FOUND NAMIBIA GROUP TO BE UNHELPFUL AND ON CONTRARY HAD FOUND IT QUITE USEFUL, COOPERATIVE AND PROTECTIVE OF SYG. HE ADDED THAT IF THIS IDEA EMERGED IN DEBATE HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT. HE ALSO WANTED US TO KNOW THAT HE HAD MADE THIS SAME POINT TO PERMREP MEGUID.

6. MEETING ENDED WITH AGREEMENT TO KEEP IN TOUCH DURING
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DEBATE AND REITERATION BY SCALI OF OUR BASIC ATTITUDE.
TOWARD DEBATE AND NEW MECHANISM.
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